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Mr. Harold Roth
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Dear Mr. Roth:

In our phone conversation of June 10 you indicated that this is a rather busy period for you. I am therefore reminding you of my desire that you handle the contents of the enclosed manuscript with more than your usual care. Writing on the Kennedy assassination and its investigation has, regrettably, been typified by open plagiarism. I am anxious that others not, by accident, become aware of what I have dredged from that literary quicksand in the National Archives.

This is the retyped rough draft of POST-PORTEM: THE SUPPRESSED KENNEDY AUTOPSY. Because I have been continuing intensive personal investigation, both in the Washington area and in the field, particularly in New Orleans and California, I have not been able to read it since I wrote it. There are also major additions (in content, not volume) that I will write as soon as I return from a projected resumption of my New Orleans investigations. At most, it will be two more chapters. It will include some of the most sensational documents in our history, some of the most scandalous. These are the documents I had with me in New York. You were too busy to look at them.

The additions will include more information on the late Robert Kennedy. Perhaps you will be interested in knowing that six months ago I predicted his assassination in a letter to his friend, Jesse Unruh.

As I told you, I plan a large appendix of these once-secret documents, almost without exception never before seen or known to exist. It is my belief that the documents alone will guarantee a very large institutional sale. You may examine them whenever you may want.

Should you, as I hope, be interested in this book, I would like to talk with you about my future writing. I plan no other books like this one, but my original work in the field provides at least another, entirely different work of non-fiction and several unique, non-fiction novels. When I discussed the next already-researched book with Ted Kupferman, whose pre-Congressional career is in book publishing, he had the most optimistic prediction I have ever heard for such a work. I will be happy to discuss this with you, also.

My most recent investigations establish what amounts to the framing of members of the Commission by the staff. I tell you this in strictest confidence, please. I have been well received by a member of the Commission, who has requested and now has copies of the confirmed proof. It is germane to a major portion of the book. We have an agreement that neither of us will, without authorization, make or

allow to be made any public reference to what one tells or shows the other. However, this evidence, among the things to be added, is of such a nature that his silence, once I release him from his promise, is unlikely.

No editor has seen this. The only person working in the field who has had access to it is Dr. John Nichols, pathologist at the University of Kansas Medical School, the man who proved JFK did have Addison's disease. He is making his own study and is the top medical expert. If you want a qualified scientist's opinion of the work, I have no objection to your writing or phoning him.

Should you want to retain the book for more than a few wekks, I would appreciate a Xerox copy so I can resume work on it. This is the only copy I have other than the one for the camera, which I must keep clean in the event I again publish privately. When returning it, please mail registered.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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